

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An audio message system for multiple users, the message system comprising:
  - a cabinet having a front face;
  - a plurality of message centers disposed on the front face, each center identifiable with an individual user and visually viewable by all users of the message system, each message center comprising:
    - a visual new message indicator;
    - a new message switch for accessing an audio output of a new message and for deactivating the visual new message indicator once the new message is heard;
    - a message input switch for inputting new audio message and for activating the new message indicator such that the individual user identified with that message center is visually notified of a new message;
  - a microphone for inputting new messages; and
  - a speaker for providing the audio output.
2. The audio message system of claim 1 and further including indicia which associate one of the message centers with a selected individual user.
3. The message center of claim 1 wherein the visual new message indicator is a lamp positioned on the front face of the cabinet.

4. The message center of claim 1 wherein the message switch and the message input switch are pushbutton type switches disposed on the face of the cabinet.

5. The audio message system of claim 1 wherein the visual new message indicator, the new message switch and the message input switch for each message center are disposed in close proximity to each other to be viewable as a discrete group on the front face of the cabinet.

6. The system of claim 5 wherein each such group is associated with identifying indicia that relates such group to a selected individual.